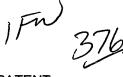
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Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the due date for filing the Amendment and Response to an Office Action two (2) months from February 15, 2006 to April 15, 2006. Please charge Deposit Account 01-0025 in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional Filing Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16, as well as any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 associated with this communication for which full payment has not been tendered, to Deposit Account No. 01-0025. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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